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Applicant: John W. Copeland and John A. Parker)
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned) Group Art Unit: Unknown
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For: IMPROVED METHOD AND APPARATUS)
FOR CONCENTRATING A SLURRY)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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SIR:

Prior to examining the above application, please enter the following amendments.

Upon entry of the following amendments, the pending claims satisfy PCT Art. 33(1)-(4)
as indicated by the IPEA/US in the IPER issued on September 20, 2005. Pursuant to 37
CFR 1.49(b), the Applicants request that this application be taken up out of order.